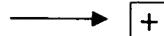


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Title	Drill String Design Methodology for Mitigating Fatigue Failure
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1. Fee Transmittal Form (e.g., PTO/SB/17)
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2. Applicant claims small entity status.
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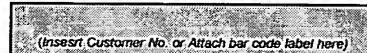
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